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2 Daniel Jeff Peters, President

3 Daryl Revoldt, Vice-President

4 Douglas Foltz, Member, Ward 1

5 Stephanie Werren, Member, Ward 3

6 Dominic Fonte, Member, Ward 4

7 Matthew Stroia, Member, At Large

8 Mark Cerreta, Member, At Large

9 Timothy Fox, Director of Law

10 Patrick DeOrio, Director of Administration

11 Catherine Farina, Deputy Director of  
12 Administration

13 Jina Alaback, Director of Finance

14 Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor

15 Robert Graham, PE

16 Martin Van Gundy, Chief Building Officer

17 Benjamin R. Young, Council Clerk

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1 MR. YOUNG: When you are ready, President  
2 Peters.

3 MR. PETERS: Okay. Thank you, Ben. I'd  
4 like to call to order the North Canton City  
5 Council meeting, via teleconference, Monday,  
6 May 11, 2020. The time is 7:01 p.m.

7 Mark, would you like to lead us in the  
8 opening prayer?

9 MR. CERRETA: I sure would.

10 (Whereupon, Mr. Cerreta leads up in  
11 prayer.)

12 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Mark.  
13 At this time, if you would join me in the  
14 Pledge of Allegiance.

15 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was  
16 recited.)

17 MR. PETERS: Okay. Ben, would you please  
18 call the roll?

19 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

21 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte.

22 MR. FONTE: Here.

23 MR. YOUNG: Member Peters.

24 MR. PETERS: Here.

25 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz.

1 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

2 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

3 MS. WERREN: Here.

4 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

5 MR. STROIA: Here.

6 MR. YOUNG: And Member Cerreta.

7 MR. CERRETA: Here.

8 MR. YOUNG: Seven present.

9 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you. And  
10 Council, for your consideration, I need a  
11 motion and a second to approve as presented  
12 minutes from April 20, 2020, Committee of the  
13 Whole meeting; April 20, Special Council  
14 meeting; April 27th, Council meeting; April  
15 29th, Special Council meeting; and April  
16 29th, Special Committee of the whole.

17 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to approve as  
18 presented.

19 MR. CERRETA: Second.

20 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

21 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

22 MR. PETERS: Aye.

23 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

25 MS. WERREN: Aye.

1 MR. STROIA: Aye.

2 MR. FONTE: Aye.

3 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

6 At this time, recognition of visitors.

7 Ben, I will turn it over to you.

8 MR. YOUNG: First is Linda Mussey.

9 Linda, are you there?

10 MS. MUSSEY: Yes. Rick -- Rick Mussey  
11 and Linda Mussey, present.

12 MR. YOUNG: Well, per the rules of  
13 Council, only one of you can speak at a time,  
14 and you get five minutes.

15 MS. MUSSEY: It will be Rick Mussey.

16 MR. FOLTZ: And state your name and ad --  
17 state your address, too.

18 MR. YOUNG: So start by stating your name  
19 and address for the record, and the time will  
20 start when you start talking.

21 MS. MUSSEY: Sure. I'm Rick Mussey. I  
22 live at 1546 Whitingham Street, Southeast,  
23 North Canton, 44720.

24 MR. YOUNG: When you are ready.

25 MR. MUSSEY: All right. Well, I wanted

1           to thank Stephanie Werren for allowing us to  
2           conference in on tonight's Council meeting.  
3           I wanted to discuss the high volume of  
4           traffic passing through Sturbridge Village  
5           where we live.

6                 We have lived here on Whitingham for well  
7           over 20 years. And since Washington Square  
8           was developed, Walgreens has opened and  
9           restaurants have become a part of our  
10          community, people from surrounding housing  
11          developments, specifically Robinhood Acres,  
12          Monticello, Montabella, et cetera, are all  
13          using Frazer, Arbury, Whitingham Street, and  
14          Crestland to connect with East Maple.

15                Now, over the -- the past several years,  
16          the flow of private vehicles has greatly  
17          increased. Private cars and trucks are not  
18          the only issue, however. Our neighborhood is  
19          being used by commercial vehicles, service  
20          vehicles, and lawn mowing trailers as an  
21          access bypass road in other areas north and  
22          west of Sturbridge.

23                You may possibly wonder why we have  
24          chosen this time to bring the matter to the  
25          attention of Council. My wife recently

1           retired, and I continue to work from home.  
2           We live on the corner of Whittingham and  
3           Arbury, and due to the panoramic view from  
4           inside our house, we are able to clearly see  
5           and track traffic patterns very easily.

6           Cars and trucks travel on a regular basis  
7           past our house greater than 25 miles an hour.  
8           I estimate their average speed to be between  
9           35 and 40 miles per hour. My wife has had  
10          people honk their horn and make obscene  
11          gestures as she stops to pull in our drive in  
12          lieu of using a turn signal.

13          However, speed is not the only issue, as  
14          much as the numbers. Dozens of people walk,  
15          jog, and ride bicycles throughout our  
16          allotment daily, and we really fear for their  
17          safety, with the level of reckless and  
18          speeding drivers. The other neighbors  
19          complain, but obviously have not brought it  
20          to the attention of Council.

21          As you probably know, our streets are  
22          being paved after 20 years of wear and tear.  
23          We'd like to alleviate the damage that can be  
24          done by continued abuse of our streets by the  
25          heavy flow of traffic that is inappropriate

1           for our allotment, when there is access to  
2           all businesses using Schneider, Market, and  
3           Maple Street.

4           We would like to discuss a "no through  
5           traffic" sign to be considered to be posted  
6           at points of entry. Our neighbors have  
7           talked about speed bumps. However, we know  
8           that's not really an option on a city street.

9           I just wanted to thank everybody on  
10          Council for allowing me to take the time to  
11          review the information that we have provided.  
12          Thank you.

13          MR. PETERS: Thank you, Rick.

14          MR. MUSSEY: Uh-huh. Thank you.

15          MR. PETERS: Thank you.

16          MR. YOUNG: Next is Mr. Chuck Osborne.

17          Mr. Osborne, are you there?

18          MR. OSBORNE: I am here.

19          MR. YOUNG: When you are ready, sir.

20          MR. OSBORNE: Chuck Osborne, 307 Fairview  
21          Street, Southeast, North Canton, Ohio. I am  
22          addressing the first reading of Ordinance  
23          Number 19-2020, which proposes to resurrect  
24          the City's CRA program. North Canton's past  
25          history with its on again, off again CRA



1           program is dubious, at best, and another  
2           failure, at worse.

3           The resurrection of a CRA program would  
4           certainly be a failure to our North Canton  
5           City Schools, as the program gives away  
6           property tax money intended to fund the North  
7           Canton City School District, our City  
8           library, and a myriad of other City and  
9           County services.

10          Why again are City officials, under our  
11          new Mayor, Stephan Wilder, proposing a CRA  
12          program after retreating from a similar  
13          proposal just four years ago? To refresh  
14          everyone's memory, specifically, on September  
15          26th, 2016, North Canton City School  
16          Superintendent, Jeff Wendorf, appeared at a  
17          City Council meeting to speak in opposition  
18          to proposed CRA legislation that was being  
19          proposed at the time.

20          Mr. Wendorf also presented a letter,  
21          stating -- and I quote -- the North Canton  
22          City School Board of Education wants to be  
23          clear about the following: The Board of  
24          Education does not support any kind of CRA or  
25          abatement, as it reduces precious revenue

1 from educating our students that was properly  
2 raised by public vote, end of quote.

3 Siphoning needed tax dollars from our schools  
4 undermines the community we all are trying to  
5 build up and make better. That reminder  
6 should render this proposed legislation DOA.  
7 However, there are even more arguments in  
8 opposition to a resumption of CRA tax  
9 abatements. North Canton has an  
10 overabundance of apartments and rentals, and  
11 this fact has come up for discussion from  
12 time to time.

13 Why would you give tax abatements for the  
14 construction of more apartments? Need I  
15 mention the illegally approved tax abatement  
16 amounting to nearly a million dollars for a  
17 40-unit apartment complex named North Ridge  
18 Place Apartments, and a 15-year tax abatement  
19 for construction of a residence on Harmon  
20 Street. These tax abatements were given in  
21 the dark of night and were not revealed for  
22 several years. City officials denied any  
23 knowledge of those abatements.

24 Under this proposed CRA tax abatement,  
25 such as were given for North Ridge and the

1 residence on Harmon Street, those would now  
2 be legalized. Approving this new CRA  
3 violates all manner of your fiduciary  
4 responsibility you have sworn to uphold.

5 Further, the proposed method of removing  
6 substandard housing with the creation of yet  
7 another CRA program is impractical.  
8 Construction of a residence costing a quarter  
9 million dollars would require the  
10 consolidation of three, maybe four properties  
11 in R50 neighborhoods, and the subsequent  
12 demolition of three or four homes. This is  
13 an endeavor no one would undertake. Who is  
14 going to build a home of this quality in a  
15 neighborhood surrounded by much lower-priced  
16 homes and go through this kind of expense?

17 I have knowledge that there does need to  
18 be a mechanism in place to plan for eventual  
19 demolition of structures in communities. And  
20 I have previously suggested a mechanism to  
21 accomplish that goal. It does not rob the  
22 schools of the revenues and is not  
23 financially burdensome to anyone.

24 That mechanism is similar to what the  
25 Muskingum Watershed District has in place to

1 fund its drainage projects. That is the  
2 collection of a small annual fee on all  
3 structures that would go into a demolition  
4 fund for removal of structures no longer  
5 serving the community.

6 Ordinance Number 19-2020 is a  
7 non-starter, as it syphons tax dollars from  
8 our City schools and City library, and  
9 creates glaring disparities in our tax code.  
10 Stop and think of the businesses that have  
11 come to the City in recent years without tax  
12 abatements. And there have been many.

13 Abatements are not needed. There are  
14 methods to accomplish the removal of  
15 structures in North Canton that do not result  
16 in a financial burden for some and a  
17 financial windfall for others. The acronym  
18 CRA should be permanently expunged from North  
19 Canton legislation. Look at the big picture  
20 and think long-term for a sustainable plan to  
21 accomplish what is obviously an everlasting  
22 issue.

23 Thank you.

24 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Chuck. Okay.  
25 Moving on to old business, may I have a

1 motion and a second to read by title only  
2 Ordinance 22-20?

3 MR. CERRETA: So moved, Cerreta.

4 MR. FOLTZ: Second, Foltz.

5 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

6 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

7 MR. PETERS: Aye.

8 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

10 MS. WERREN: Aye.

11 MR. FONTE: Aye.

12 MR. STROIA: Aye.

13 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

16 Tim.

17 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the  
18 Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter  
19 into an agreement with the Stark County  
20 Commissioners to accept and utilize the Stark  
21 County Community Development Block Grant  
22 Program for fiscal years 2021, 2022, and  
23 2023.

24 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

25 Chairman Revoldt.

1           MR. REVOLDT: I think we have discussed  
2           this. This particular ordinance brings the  
3           City into partnership with Stark County. The  
4           Community Block Grant Program has been used  
5           for low and moderate income housing  
6           improvements, as well as some other capital  
7           projects here in the City of North Canton, as  
8           we have discussed.

9           Does anyone have any questions at this  
10          time?

11          (No response.)

12          MR. REVOLDT: If there are none, I would  
13          welcome a motion to amend Ordinance Number  
14          22-2020 to include an emergency clause to  
15          facilitate the timely filing with the County,  
16          as it has requested.

17          MS. WERREN: So moved, Stephanie.

18          MR. CERRETA: Second, Cerreta.

19          MR. PETERS: All in favor?

20          MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

21          MR. PETERS: Aye.

22          MR. CERRETA: Aye.

23          MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

24          MS. WERREN: Aye.

25          MR. FONTE: Aye.

1 MR. STROIA: Aye.

2 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. PETERS: Motion carries. All right.

5 Thank you, Daryl.

6 May I have a motion and a second to adopt  
7 the second reading Ordinance 22-20 as  
8 amended?

9 MR. REVOLDT: So moved, Revoldt.

10 MR. FOLTZ: Second, Foltz.

11 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

12 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

13 MR. PETERS: Aye.

14 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

16 MS. WERREN: Aye.

17 MR. FONTE: Aye.

18 MR. STROIA: Aye.

19 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

22 Okay. May I have a motion and a second  
23 to suspend the rules of Council for three  
24 readings for Ordinance 22-20?

25 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

1 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.  
2 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."  
3 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.  
4 MR. PETERS: Aye.  
5 MR. CERRETA: Aye.  
6 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.  
7 MS. WERREN: Aye.  
8 MR. FONTE: Aye.  
9 MR. STROIA: Aye.  
10 MR. PETERS: Opposed?  
11 (No response.)  
12 MR. PETERS: Motion carries. And,  
13 finally, a motion and a second to adopt under  
14 suspension of the rules.  
15 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.  
16 MS. WERREN: So moved, Werren -- or  
17 second, Werren.  
18 MR. PETERS: Okay. All in favor, say  
19 "aye."  
20 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.  
21 MR. PETERS: Aye.  
22 MR. CERRETA: Aye.  
23 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.  
24 MS. WERREN: Aye.  
25 MR. FONTE: Aye.



1 MR. STROIA: Aye.

2 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. PETERS: Motion carries. Thank you,  
5 Daryl.

6 May I have a motion and a second to read  
7 by title only Ordinance 23-20?

8 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

9 MR. CERRETA: Second, Cerreta.

10 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

11 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

12 MR. PETERS: Aye.

13 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

15 MS. WERREN: Aye.

16 MR. FONTE: Aye.

17 MR. STROIA: Aye.

18 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

21 Tim.

22 MR. FOX: An ordinance to amend Chapter  
23 1133, single-family and two-family  
24 residential districts, of the codified  
25 ordinances of the City of North Canton,

1 specifically Section 1133.08(e), fences and  
2 walls, as described above.

3 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

4 Chairman Revoldt.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Yes. As we have discussed,  
6 this is a rewrite of our rules regarding  
7 fences. It is a more substantive and more  
8 nuanced approach than what we have had in the  
9 past. This tonight is our second reading.  
10 We will have a third reading following our  
11 public hearing on June 1.

12 MR. PETERS: Okay. A motion and a second  
13 to adopt the second reading.

14 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz motions.

15 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

16 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

17 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

18 MR. PETERS: Aye.

19 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

21 MS. WERREN: Aye.

22 MR. FONTE: Aye.

23 MR. STROIA: Aye.

24 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

2 And moving on to new business, Ordinance  
3 19-20, Members Fonte and Stroia, you will be  
4 abstaining from this, correct?

5 MR. FONTE: Yes.

6 MR. STROIA: Correct.

7 MR. PETERS: Okay. Ben, could you mute  
8 them for the duration of this, for Ordinance  
9 19-20?

10 MR. YOUNG: Yes, sir.

11 (Whereupon, Mr. Fonte and Mr. Stroia  
12 leave the meeting.)

13 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

14 May I have a motion and a second to read  
15 by title only Ordinance 19-20?

16 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

17 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

18 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

19 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

20 MR. PETERS: Aye.

21 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

22 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

23 MS. WERREN: Aye.

24 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

2 Tim.

3 MR. FOX: An ordinance implementing  
4 Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 of the Ohio  
5 Revised Code, establishing and describing the  
6 boundaries of a community reinvestment area  
7 in the City of North Canton, designating a  
8 housing officer to administer the program,  
9 creating a community reinvestment area  
10 housing council, and a tax incentive review  
11 council.

12 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

13 Chairman Revoldt.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you very much. As we  
15 have discussed in previous meetings, tonight  
16 is the first reading, re-establishing a CRA  
17 of the City of North Canton. This will be  
18 governed by the new rules. I think it's  
19 important to under -- to enter into the  
20 record that we are considering this matter  
21 for two reasons.

22 The first is, we believe, and there is  
23 ample evidence across Ohio, that a housing  
24 program can benefit from a CRA. As I  
25 mentioned at our meeting yes -- last week, a

1 project in Grandview, Ohio for condominiums  
2 had a 15-year 50 percent -- 50 percent  
3 abatement. These are critical tools for  
4 rebuilding the housing stock in various  
5 communities. The second -- and this is  
6 critically important -- is that the CRA is  
7 one of many tools a City should have when it  
8 considers significant, large investments.

9 Now, we have just heard some arguments  
10 against it. And I would only point out that  
11 the -- this program generally has existed for  
12 over 20 years in the State code. And  
13 throughout that period, the State legislature  
14 has made it the responsibility of the  
15 municipality -- not boards of education, but  
16 municipality -- to plan economic development  
17 and housing renovation projects. I think  
18 this is something the City needs to have as  
19 it looks to redevelop portions of its Main  
20 Street and its antiquated housing, as  
21 evidenced in the housing study.

22 I would add one more thing, and that is  
23 in terms of -- in terms of economic  
24 development, this City is essentially built  
25 out. If you look at the school district, it

1 is built out. And I think everyone who is  
2 concerned about school financing needs to  
3 understand that that tax base, upon which the  
4 new capital project is going forward at the  
5 school and all the future operating costs, is  
6 not growing at anything close to the rate of  
7 the improvements and the expenses.

8 So sooner or later, that school board is  
9 going to hit a ceiling. And unless we can  
10 figure out a way to provide more taxable real  
11 estate in this community, it's going to have  
12 a problem. And that may be something people  
13 don't want to hear, but the fact of the  
14 matter is, the actual appraisal numbers don't  
15 lie.

16 So are there any other questions or  
17 comments?

18 MR. PETERS: Yeah, I do, Chairman  
19 Revoldt. To Chuck's comment regarding  
20 possible harm to the school district, can you  
21 speak to what is in the CRA and the  
22 school's -- the school board's say and the  
23 partnership that we are trying to align with  
24 them within the CRA agreement?

25 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah, I sure can.

1 Remember, Mr. President, there are -- there  
2 are two components to this. The first is the  
3 housing. And if you look at the housing --  
4 and, again, we are confining this to a  
5 teardown, to teardowns only. And I think  
6 that's critically important. Because Harmon  
7 was not a teardown. That was a fill-in.

8 This language is very precise. But  
9 let's -- let's take it -- let me give you  
10 this example. Let's assume, for the sake of  
11 argument, we have a house that's valued at  
12 \$100,000; \$15,000 in land, \$85,000 for the  
13 house. The tax on the land, if there is an  
14 abatement, remains. The value of the house,  
15 the \$85,000, goes away when the house is  
16 demolished, and that's replaced by a quarter  
17 million dollar or more house.

18 Let me use ten years, because it's just  
19 simple math. If you take the value of that  
20 \$85,000 house, that's about \$1,600 a year or  
21 \$16,000 over ten years. A quarter million  
22 dollar house is worth \$5,000 a year, or  
23 \$50,000 over ten years. But at the end of  
24 the abatement period, the school is made  
25 whole within the first 36 months. And then

1 after those 36 months, it gets \$5,000 a year.  
2 And that is \$3,400 more than what it was  
3 receiving with the old structure.

4 The fact of the matter is this is a  
5 terrific way to add value for the school.  
6 Does it work? The answer is I think it does,  
7 and it has worked elsewhere in Ohio.

8 The second, to answer your question,  
9 Jeff, is when we do an economic development  
10 project, a commercial or industrial project,  
11 the developer has to go to the school board  
12 first. And any abatement over 50 percent  
13 requires the approval of the board. So it  
14 does have a say in a project, but the -- but  
15 only from 50 north.

16 MR. PETERS: Okay.

17 MS. WERREN: Daryl, thanks for that  
18 clarification. That helped a lot. And that  
19 is different than what it was four years ago.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Oh, yeah. Yeah, this is  
21 a -- we were operating under -- under a more  
22 liberal -- I don't know. I think it was  
23 pre-1992 CRA rules. This is -- this is under  
24 the new rules. It is -- it is more  
25 restrictive. But, again, it -- it brings



1           the -- it brings the -- the school into play  
2           on the big commercial projects. They're  
3           going to have to vote on it.

4           And they are in a position to negotiate  
5           with the developer for some offset on that  
6           tax, the 50 percent plus. They can negotiate  
7           payment in lieu of taxes. We can have a role  
8           in that, depending upon the size of that  
9           project. There are a number of elements here  
10          that -- that come into play.

11          The other thing to remember is that we  
12          might have -- we might have big job projects,  
13          or we might have a major capital investment  
14          with very few project -- few jobs. And so  
15          the CRA becomes a critical element in  
16          attracting those opportunities.

17          One that comes to mind would be a data  
18          center. These are terrifically expensive.  
19          There are special provisions in the Ohio tax  
20          code for data centers. But guess what? They  
21          don't have many jobs. Would the school  
22          benefit from a multi-, multi-, multi-million  
23          dollar data center? The answer is yes, it  
24          would. And if we can attract one, we would  
25          like to benefit the schools to get it in the

1 district.

2 MR. PETERS: Okay.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Did I answer that?

4 MR. PETERS: You sure did. Thank you.

5 Any other questions?

6 MR. REVOLDT: And let me just say one  
7 more thing. And I apologize, Jeff. The  
8 clerk has a new valuation sheet that he  
9 prepared for me. You may recall a couple  
10 years ago, I had one that -- that I did  
11 surrounding the Akron Children's. Well, Ben  
12 has created a more detailed drill-down. And  
13 it, once again, illustrates that the real  
14 benefit of CRA is on a very big project and  
15 not on a little one. And those are the  
16 commercial and industrial ones.

17 And I think we have got some things that  
18 we can do other than tax abatements to  
19 attract business at the kind of -- I want to  
20 say the smaller end. But if you look, for  
21 example, at the role that the City played in  
22 attracting Diebold, we didn't need a CRA. We  
23 used other forms of incentives to get them  
24 into town. And I think that's the approach  
25 you take. You take a businesslike approach.

1                   What's the -- what's the best way?

2                   MR. PETERS: Agreed. Okay. Any other  
3                   questions from Council for Chairman Revoldt?

4                   (No response.)

5                   MR. PETERS: All right. Seeing none --

6                   MR. REVOLDT: I --

7                   MR. PETERS: Go ahead.

8                   MR. REVOLDT: Well, if there are no other  
9                   questions, I would like to move the adoption  
10                  of the first reading of Ordinance Number  
11                  19-2020.

12                  MR. CERRETA: Second, Cerreta.

13                  MR. PETERS: All right. All in favor,  
14                  say "aye."

15                  MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

16                  MR. PETERS: Aye.

17                  MR. CERRETA: Aye.

18                  MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

19                  MS. WERREN: Aye.

20                  MR. PETERS: Opposed?

21                  (No response.)

22                  MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

23                  Clerk, can you make sure Fonte and Stroia  
24                  rejoin us?

25                  (Whereupon, Mr. Fonte and Mr. Stroia

1 re-join the meeting.)

2 MR. PETERS: Have we got them yet?

3 MR. FONTE: I'm back.

4 MR. STROIA: Yep, I'm here.

5 MR. PETERS: Okay. All right. Thanks,  
6 guys. Okay. Moving on, may I have a motion  
7 and a second to read by title only Ordinance  
8 25-20?

9 MR. CERRETA: Did we vote on this --

10 MR. FOLTZ: Yes.

11 MR. PETERS: Yeah.

12 MR. CERRETA: Follow it through?

13 MR. PETERS: Yep, we adopted the second  
14 reading.

15 MR. CERRETA: Okay. Yeah, no emergency  
16 on this.

17 MR. FOLTZ: Right.

18 MR. PETERS: Yeah.

19 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to read Ordinance  
20 25-2020.

21 MR. STROIA: Second, Stroia.

22 MR. PETERS: Okay. All in favor, say  
23 "aye."

24 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

25 MR. PETERS: Aye.

1 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

3 MS. WERREN: Aye.

4 MR. FONTE: Aye.

5 MR. STROIA: Aye.

6 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

9 Tim.

10 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the  
11 Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter  
12 into a contract for professional auction  
13 services for the sale of vehicles and  
14 equipment that are obsolete or unfit for  
15 public use or not needed for municipal  
16 purposes, and declaring the same to be an  
17 emergency.

18 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

19 Chair -- Chairwoman Werren.

20 MS. WERREN: Yes. We talked about this  
21 last week, and both Pat and Jina actually  
22 gave some additional information about how we  
23 were doing it and how it was going to be  
24 listed on the Website. But we do do this  
25 every year in order to kind of clean house

1           and get rid of the older vehicles and still  
2           make some money. Are there any other issues  
3           or concerns?

4           (No response.)

5           MR. PETERS: Okay. Is there a motion and  
6           a second to adopt the first reading?

7           MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

8           MS. WERREN: Second, Werren.

9           MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

10          MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

11          MR. PETERS: Aye.

12          MR. CERRETA: Aye.

13          MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

14          MS. WERREN: Aye.

15          MR. FONTE: Aye.

16          MR. STROIA: Aye.

17          MR. PETERS: Opposed?

18          (No response.)

19          MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

20                 May I have a motion and a second to  
21                 suspend the rules of Council requiring three  
22                 readings?

23          MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

24          MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

25          MR. PETERS: All in favor, "aye."

1 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.  
2 MR. PETERS: Aye.  
3 MR. CERRETA: Aye.  
4 MR REVOLT: Aye.  
5 MS. WERREN: Aye.  
6 MR. FONTE: Aye.  
7 MR. STROIA: Aye.  
8 MR. PETERS: Opposed?  
9 (No response.)  
10 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.  
11 And, finally, a motion and a second to  
12 adopt under suspension of the rules.  
13 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.  
14 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.  
15 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."  
16 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.  
17 MR. PETERS: Aye.  
18 MR. CERRETA: Aye.  
19 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.  
20 MS. WERREN: Aye.  
21 MR. FONTE: Aye.  
22 MR. STROIA: Aye.  
23 MR. PETERS: Opposed?  
24 (No response.)  
25 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

1                   Moving on, may I have a motion and a  
2                   second to read by title only Ordinance 26-20?

3                   MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

4                   MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

5                   MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

6                   MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

7                   MR. PETERS: Aye.

8                   MR. CERRETA: Aye.

9                   MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

10                  MS. WERREN: Aye.

11                  MR. FONTE: Aye.

12                  MR. STROIA: Aye.

13                  MR. PETERS: Opposed?

14                  (No response.)

15                  MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

16                  Tim.

17                  MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the  
18                  amending of the appropriation of funds of the  
19                  City of North Canton for current expenses  
20                  during the fiscal year ending December 31,  
21                  2020, as established by Ordinance 80-2019 to  
22                  account for new revenue and the loss of  
23                  anticipated grants, and declaring the same to  
24                  be an emergency.

25                  MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.



1           Before -- Chairman -- or Chairwoman Werren,  
2           before I give it to you, I'm getting a little  
3           feedback on this end. Can everyone hear me?

4           MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

5           MR. FOLTZ: Yeah.

6           MR. PETERS: Okay. Chairwoman Werren.

7           MS. WERREN: Okay. Last week, we talked  
8           about this, as well. And Jina did some  
9           different analyses in kind of looking forward  
10          what some of our projections might be and  
11          some different grants that came in. If there  
12          aren't any other questions, or if, Jina, we  
13          don't have any new information, I move that  
14          we move forward and adopt.

15          MR. FOLTZ: Foltz, second.

16          MR. PETERS: All right. All in favor,  
17          say "aye."

18          MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

19          MR. PETERS: Aye.

20          MR. CERRETA: Aye.

21          MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

22          MS. WERREN: Aye.

23          MR. FONTE: Aye.

24          MR. STROIA: Aye.

25          MR. PETERS: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

3 May I have a motion and a second to  
4 suspend the rules of Council requiring three  
5 readings?

6 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

7 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

8 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

9 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

10 MR. PETERS: Aye.

11 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

12 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

13 MS. WERREN: Aye.

14 MR. FONTE: Aye.

15 MR. STROIA: Aye.

16 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

19 And, finally, a -- may I have a motion  
20 and a second to adopt under suspension of the  
21 rules?

22 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

23 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

24 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

25 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

1 MR. PETERS: Aye.  
2 MR. CERRETA: Aye.  
3 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.  
4 MS. WERREN: Aye.  
5 MR. FONTE: Aye.  
6 MR. STROIA: Aye.  
7 MR. PETERS: Opposed?  
8 (No response.)  
9 MR. PETERS: Okay. Motion carries.  
10 May I have a motion and a second to read  
11 by title only Ordinance 27-20?  
12 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.  
13 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.  
14 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."  
15 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.  
16 MR. PETERS: Aye.  
17 MR. CERRETA: Aye.  
18 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.  
19 MS. WERREN: Aye.  
20 MR. FONTE: Aye.  
21 MR. STROIA: Aye.  
22 MR. PETERS: Opposed?  
23 (No response.)  
24 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.  
25 Tim.

1           MR. FOX: An ordinance to amend Chapter  
2           111 of the codified ordinances of the City of  
3           North Canton, specifically Section 111.12,  
4           salaries and bonds, in order to establish  
5           amounts for public officials surety bonds.

6           MR. PETERS: Okay. Thank you. The title  
7           tells you exactly what you need to hear.  
8           This was a legislative request from  
9           Director of Administration DeOrio. It sets  
10          the bonds for Director of Law and -- or I'm  
11          sorry, Director of Administration at \$50,000,  
12          Director of Finance at \$250,000, and --

13          MR. DEORIO: The Mayor at \$50,000.

14          MR. PETERS: Oh, the Mayor at \$50,000.  
15          Thank you. Any questions, concerns?

16          (No response.)

17          MR. PETERS: Seeing none, I'll entertain  
18          a motion and a second to adopt the first  
19          reading.

20          MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

21          MR. STROIA: Second, Stroia.

22          MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

23          MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

24          MR. PETERS: Aye.

25          MR. CERRETA: Aye.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

2 MS. WERREN: Aye.

3 MR. FONTE: Aye.

4 MR. STROIA: Aye.

5 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

8 Item E, we now have discussion on the use  
9 of eminent domain relating to a property  
10 located at 1206 North Main. At this time, I  
11 am going to turn the floor to Director  
12 DeOrio.

13 Pat.

14 MR. STROIA: I'm going to abstain. This  
15 is Stroia. I'm going to abstain from this.

16 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

17 Ben, could you mute Matt, please?

18 (Whereupon, Mr. Stroia leaves the  
19 meeting.)

20 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you. Pat,  
21 the floor is yours.

22 MR. DEORIO: Thank you, Mr. President.

23 As you know, the administration has been  
24 working on the collection and acquisition of  
25 a grouping of parcels to constitute

1           sufficient grounds to build a new fire,  
2           slash, EMS, slash, police building. And as  
3           you recall from a previous time, the  
4           necessary acreage that we need is a minimum  
5           of three acres. And that the -- you know  
6           from your discussions that you have held with  
7           the Chief of Police and fire, EMS, that that  
8           location needs -- needs to have frontage on  
9           Main Street.

10           As it -- so it turns out, such a location  
11           manifested itself over the last -- late  
12           months in 2019, into 2020. And three of four  
13           parcels were available for sale that were  
14           adjoining, that were on -- fronting Main  
15           Street. And they did not, however,  
16           constitute sufficient ground. So we have  
17           pursued this additional site, this additional  
18           parcel that is located directly behind the  
19           three parcels that -- that we have secured  
20           purchase agreements for.

21           We have followed the normal course of  
22           business in real estate, in making a letter  
23           of interest, making a real estate purchase  
24           agreement, and we have come to that point  
25           where we are grossly apart, and that we need

1           to pursue our course of action, which would  
2           involve eminent domain.

3           We have reached out to an attorney who is  
4           well versed in eminent domain action. His  
5           name is Jim Mathews. He practices at Baker  
6           Dublikar, which is located in North Canton.  
7           Some of you attended a seminar back in  
8           February, pre-COVID, at the Stark Parks, in  
9           Perry Township, in which Mr. Mathews was a  
10          presenter.

11          So we have reached a -- I have reached an  
12          agreement with Mr. Mathews and Baker Dublikar  
13          to represent us on this. And although it is  
14          well below the threshold that would require  
15          Council action -- as you know, if there is a  
16          contract that involves an expenditure under  
17          \$50,000, the Mayor and the Director of  
18          Administration can enter into that directly.

19          But I would like a show of support for  
20          moving in this direction from you this  
21          evening. This is similar to what we had done  
22          a year ago in regards to the golf course,  
23          where the administration had sought a show of  
24          support in making some changes there.

25          And so at this time, if -- if you are so

1           inclined, I would, you know, like a -- if  
2           there is any feedback to not go forward, I  
3           guess that would be appropriate at this time;  
4           otherwise, the administration would intend to  
5           move forward.

6           MR. REVOLDT: Mr. President, this is  
7           Revoldt. Jeff?

8           MR. PETERS: Yeah, Daryl, sorry about  
9           that. I had it on mute there for a minute.  
10          Go ahead.

11          MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Or Pat, could we  
12          give you a motion supporting eminent domain  
13          for the property located at 1206 North Main  
14          Street?

15          MR. DEORIO: I --

16          MR. REVOLDT: You need one?

17          MR. DEORIO: I don't think that it is  
18          necessary to have one, but I'll defer to the  
19          Law Director. I -- I would just -- if  
20          anybody was going to object, this is the time  
21          to speak your piece. Otherwise, we were  
22          going to move forward.

23          MR. PETERS: Yeah, I think -- I think  
24          it's really as simple as that. If there is  
25          no one that objects -- like Pat said, now is



1           the time. And -- and I haven't heard any, so  
2           I would assume that --

3           MR. REVOLDT: No objection.

4           MR. PETERS: -- we are good to go.

5           MR. REVOLDT: All right. Very good.

6           MR. DEORIO: Okay. Thank you.

7           MR. FONTE: Thank you, Patrick.

8           (Whereupon, Mr. Stroia re-joins the  
9           meeting.)

10          MR. PETERS: Okay. Moving on to  
11          department reports. Pat, we'll start with  
12          you at the top. You are on a roll.

13          MR. DEORIO: Well, let me -- I would just  
14          like to get this out to, you know, the  
15          Council and -- and to members of the  
16          community, those that may be listening. We  
17          certainly recognize the stressful times that  
18          everyone is living under. And, you know --  
19          you know, equally stressful are -- are for  
20          those individuals who are working with -- you  
21          know, in dangerous occupations, the  
22          healthcare workers and the frontline  
23          responders.

24          But I want to make a special plea tonight  
25          for those individuals who are engaged in the

1 construction trades, and those that are  
2 particularly engaged in the reconstruction of  
3 roads. You know, we are one of -- we are one  
4 of -- one of the early communities out there  
5 working right now to get some road projects  
6 completed. And we have the virtue of having,  
7 you know, lower traffic counts, and taking  
8 advantage of that makes -- makes those  
9 workers safe.

10 And, you know, we should note that these  
11 are not, for the most part, City employees.  
12 These are employees of private companies that  
13 have bid on these projects. We certainly  
14 have our employees out who supervise the  
15 project to make sure it's being done in  
16 compliance with how it was bid. And so they  
17 would be at risk, as well.

18 And construction projects in the City of  
19 North Canton, you know, can begin as early as  
20 6:00 a.m. in the morning. And that might not  
21 be something that you are used to at home,  
22 because you wouldn't be at home; you'd be at  
23 work and you wouldn't see this. So we  
24 generally start our projects that are ongoing  
25 right now at 6:30 in the morning, to try to

1 make the most of a full day, to get as much  
2 done as possible. We have the ability to  
3 work 24/7 in the event of public safety, if  
4 need be. And we don't always see that or  
5 even remember that there was a time that we  
6 did that.

7 To the extent that it -- you know,  
8 contracted -- contractors are working on  
9 these streets and doing what they do and are,  
10 to the best of their ability, following  
11 physical distancing where possible, I'm sure  
12 they do. But in some types of applications,  
13 it will require people to be close to one  
14 another. And they -- you know, the Governor  
15 of Ohio has determined, you know, these are  
16 essential jobs, essential businesses that  
17 need to be going.

18 And if there are any concerns that --  
19 that people have in regards to these  
20 individuals and how they are performing their  
21 duties, how they might relate to the physical  
22 distancing, you know, I would encourage them  
23 to share their concerns or take their  
24 concerns to the Stark County Health  
25 Department, which oversees that.

1           But as far as the City administration  
2           is -- is concerned, we believe that the  
3           contractors are doing the best that they can,  
4           with the nature of the work, to keep their  
5           employees safe. So I just want to make sure  
6           all of you are aware of that. We appreciate  
7           what these folks do, and we are -- we are  
8           just trying to get the jobs done as quickly  
9           as possible, so that your roads can be  
10          restored to their proper condition. Thank  
11          you.

12           MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you,  
13          Patrick.

14           All right. Cathy, I'll circle back to  
15          you, Deputy Director of Admin.

16           MS. FARINA: Thank you. I just want to  
17          say tonight, kudos to all of our staff and  
18          elected officials. I know we have done a lot  
19          of cyber security training with all of you,  
20          because, as you all know, municipalities are  
21          at risk for cyber attacks and, you know,  
22          there are database.

23           And today, several people reported to me  
24          that a phishing e-mail was circulating  
25          around. It posed as if it was from the

1 Mayor, from Mayor Wilder. And it's not the  
2 first time that he has had a phishing spam  
3 type of e-mail go out to all of our City  
4 staff. And we've also had them pose as being  
5 Patrick, Director of Administration.

6 So I am so glad to see that our cyber  
7 security trainings that we have done, and  
8 education, has made so many people aware.  
9 And they are reporting this. They are not  
10 clicking on suspicious links. Because you  
11 know when you click one, that can launch a  
12 malware attack into our data.

13 So kudos to everybody that reported it.  
14 And I sent out an e-mail to everyone, if you  
15 do get it, you know, do not click on it,  
16 report it, let me know or let admin know. So  
17 good job, everyone. That's all I have.

18 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you,  
19 Catherine.

20 Mayor.

21 MR. WILDER: Thank you, President Peters.  
22 Just a couple comments tonight. First of  
23 all, thank you Council for your willingness  
24 to move forward regarding our private  
25 property issue at 1206 North Main. Also,

1           again, Mr. DeOrio, thank you for  
2           communicating to the public our City-wide  
3           projects that we have going on right now and  
4           the safety concerns of all, not only for the  
5           motorists and our pedestrians in the area,  
6           but for all the employees of private  
7           contractors and our City staff to be safe,  
8           practice physical distancing whenever  
9           possible, and just being aware of the safety  
10          needs when we are working on projects  
11          throughout the City.

12                 Just another comment on -- that our City  
13          administration continues to navigate the  
14          operations of -- of our City government. And  
15          I appreciate all the good work and effort  
16          that is going into that to keep things  
17          running smoothly.

18                 Last, but not least, is, again, dealing  
19          with the COVID-19 crisis, I have been doing  
20          some live streams on Wednesdays at 11:00. I  
21          try to cover as much material as I can as I  
22          learn from the Governor DeWine and the  
23          Department of Health, the Ohio Department of  
24          Health, and also things that are going on in  
25          the City.

1           And the question has always come back, or  
2           the major concern, is what are we going to do  
3           to help make things safe for our public. And  
4           that question I look at every day. So as we  
5           navigate this Coronavirus, I think we are  
6           going to try to do our best to phase in  
7           things along with what the Governor has  
8           planned. I'm very excited about the  
9           businesses. As they mentioned today, 90  
10          percent will be retail and other operations  
11          in place.

12          So just, please, whenever you are going  
13          out, be safe and be courteous and cover up,  
14          not for your own safety, but for others.

15          President Peters, thank you very much for  
16          the privilege of this time tonight. That's  
17          all I have.

18          MR. DEORIO: Mr. Mayor --

19          MR. WILDER: Yes.

20          MR. DEORIO: -- would you care to brief  
21          everybody on where we are with the flags?

22          MR. WILDER: Yes. I had contact with our  
23          service department today, and the rest of our  
24          flags, that I think Mr. Dominic Fonte helped  
25          propose a couple years ago, the first part of

1           May is the schedule that those flags go out.  
2           They are out.

3           However, we are having to replace some  
4           poles that were damaged by the high winds for  
5           some of the flags that we got out already.  
6           So as soon as those poles get replaced,  
7           hopefully within this week, we'll have our  
8           Main Street decorated from Everhard, up to  
9           Seventh Street, with a patriotic red, white,  
10          and blue.

11          And my thanks go out again to the flags  
12          that were donated by the Rotary Club of North  
13          Canton that are around the memorial there at  
14          Bitzer Park and along in front of the Hoover  
15          District complex.

16          So our flags are up, and I think our City  
17          is -- is on the map for continuing that --  
18          that spirit that we are going to get through  
19          this crisis and we are going to be better.  
20          We'll come out of it -- excuse me -- better  
21          for our efforts. Thank you.

22          MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mayor.

23          Director of Law.

24          MR. FOX: Thank you. I don't have much  
25          more to add. Thank you for the comments. I



1           can assure you that the Mayor and  
2           Administrator has us on, you know, all of the  
3           requirements for social distancing and  
4           sanitation and sanitizing our areas in all of  
5           our buildings for those that remain here at  
6           City Hall. It is a bit of a beehive. We  
7           are -- we are actually quite busy right now  
8           and -- and have been for several weeks. But  
9           we'll certainly be ready when our doors  
10          are -- are open and -- and City Hall is open  
11          to the public.

12                 One last thing, just to note that  
13          beginning yesterday, this is National Police  
14          Week. So you can go online. There are a  
15          variety of ways, you know, without coming in  
16          contact and so forth, with the -- the police  
17          officers, there are certainly various ways,  
18          without handshakes and so forth, to thank  
19          them for their services.

20                 So if you would, and have a moment, you  
21          can go online and you can see what things are  
22          available to -- to honor those that put their  
23          lives at risk to protect us. That's all I  
24          have. Thank you.

25                 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Tim.

1                   Okay. Next up, Director of Finance.

2                   MS. ALABACK: Hello, everybody. I have  
3 no report tonight.

4                   MR. PETERS: Thank you, Jina.

5                   Engineer Graham.

6                   MR. GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. President.

7 Well, despite our lovely, lovely spring  
8 weather, we are still making a lot of  
9 progress on our capital improvement projects.  
10 Today our contractor out on Applegrove  
11 finished all the milling and removal of the  
12 existing asphalt layers up there. Tomorrow  
13 morning, it looks like we will finally have  
14 some good paving weather. They are going to  
15 start the intermediate course of asphalt.

16                   At least we'll get some paving done on --  
17 on Tuesday and Wednesday. We'll see what  
18 happens later in the week. But at least  
19 we'll get a jump and get that intermediate  
20 down. And then after that, we have the  
21 three-quarter inch of the polymer asphalt.  
22 But we need about 65 to 70 degrees. So I'm  
23 not sure when we'll get that. But it will  
24 ride very, very well on just the  
25 intermediate.

1           Next, I'm proud to say our 2020 paving  
2           program is almost completely done, with the  
3           exception of Emerson Avenue. That we've  
4           tried to get the last few days, but we have  
5           been rained out three days in a row. That's  
6           scheduled to get its top course on Wednesday.

7           And also very happy that our Pineview  
8           project is nearing completion. We should get  
9           the intermediate course of asphalt on that  
10          tomorrow and also top that when they top  
11          Emerson. So our three projects are moving  
12          along very well.

13          The sanitary sewer project down on  
14          Northfield, Wenger Excavating is our  
15          contractor down there, and they are looking  
16          probably by the end of the week to have the  
17          1,700 feet of the main line, 11 feet deep,  
18          sanitary portion of that project completed.  
19          Next would be the storm sewer and then the  
20          curb and gutter, and the base pavement.

21          So things are moving along. We have  
22          already got the Easthill project bid out.  
23          Superior, who has got the first three I  
24          talked about, has that. Haven't given me a  
25          start date yet. And then Superior also has

1           the Portage project, which we're -- completed  
2           all the catch basin work; getting ready to  
3           start the paving with Superior on that.

4           Things are moving along. A little better  
5           weather, we'd be a lot further along even  
6           yet. That completes my report, Mr.  
7           President.

8           MR. PETERS: Thank you, Rob.  
9           Council Clerk Young.

10          MR. YOUNG: This week I'm happy to report  
11          that the technological upgrades of Council  
12          chambers are mostly completely. I'm just  
13          waiting on one more cord. But as of right  
14          now, I am currently streaming from the Civic  
15          Center again. And we should be ready to go  
16          for Council in person when COVID restrictions  
17          lift.

18          MR. PETERS: Outstanding. Good -- good  
19          news. All right. Thank you, Ben.

20          Next up, Member Foltz.

21          MR. FOLTZ: Can you hear me?

22          MR. PETERS: Got you, Doug.

23          THE REPORTER: Can you speak up, Doug,  
24          please?

25          MR. FOLTZ: Yeah. Just to discuss

1 Arrowhead, I got a lot of compliments. I do  
2 play in the league there. That course is  
3 really in nice shape this time of year. A  
4 lot of improvements to the pool area. And,  
5 you know, a lot of people talking about good  
6 things there. And I'm -- I'm happy that we  
7 moved forward with that.

8 Pat, I don't know there if you wanted to  
9 discuss anything else. But I just see a lot  
10 of positive changes. I know we are  
11 restricted from the clubhouse and so forth,  
12 and we are following COVID-19 guidelines, as  
13 far as one to a cart or walking. So I think  
14 it has been pretty successful overall. And  
15 I'm just happy the direction we are moving  
16 with the new management from last year,  
17 obviously, the DiPietros, and just the  
18 capital improvements we are making there.

19 MR. DEORIO: Yeah, Doug, I'd -- I'd like  
20 to say, you know, it has actually been -- I  
21 think this week is one year --

22 MR. FOLTZ: That's what I thought, yeah.

23 MR. DEORIO: -- we made the change. I  
24 think it was right after Mother's Day that  
25 we -- that we made the move. And, you know,

1           in that time, we -- we -- of late, have been  
2           working internally with -- on some capital  
3           improvement projects there, using our own  
4           folks. And, you know, these were things  
5           that, you know, should have been done a long  
6           time ago. And because the capital investment  
7           was never made, things just fell into  
8           disrepair.

9           So a lot of it, it looks really  
10          different, and some of it is just, you know,  
11          making changes to just some basic amenities  
12          and some cosmetics that make a big difference  
13          there. But as we move ahead into -- to next  
14          year, we'll do some of the more important  
15          changes that might need to be made.

16          MR. FOLTZ: Uh-huh. Okay.

17          MR. DEORIO: Thank you for noticing.

18          MR. FOLTZ: Oh, sure. Definitely. A  
19          lot -- like I said, a lot of positive  
20          comments. And thanks for the paving and all  
21          the reconstruction in the City. Obviously,  
22          if there is more money to do more paving, I'd  
23          like to see that happen down the road. But I  
24          think, you know, the City is looking great.  
25          And I appreciate everybody's efforts on that.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

3 Member Werren.

4 MS. WERREN: Yeah. Thank you. Thanks to  
5 the Musseys for talking tonight. I know that  
6 we have been in touch with them, and I think  
7 they have also been in touch with the Mayor.  
8 And I -- I think maybe to then Rob, and Pat  
9 kind of talked about it, and I know it's more  
10 than just us kind of thinking like, oh, we  
11 need a sign there. I know it has to go  
12 through the police department.

13 I do -- I go through there a lot when I'm  
14 on runs, and it definitely has become a  
15 thoroughfare. You can see people using that  
16 a lot. So I don't know if maybe the first  
17 step would be to have the police put up a --  
18 a speed locator and kind of check that, and  
19 then get some counts on the amount of people  
20 going through there. But I know they are  
21 concerned, and I -- I would agree, it has  
22 become a thoroughfare. So thanks for them  
23 for doing that.

24 And, Daryl, your explanation on the issue  
25 about abatements and different things was

1           really good, and we appreciate that. So  
2           that's it.

3           MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.  
4           Member Fonte.

5           MR. FONTE: Yes. Thanks for the flags.  
6           I'm glad we are getting them up. It's going  
7           to make the rebound in North Canton a nice  
8           corridor, because, you know, things are  
9           opening up. And, Steve -- Mayor Steve,  
10          thanks for putting out that list for us of  
11          the things that are positive and are opening.

12          Also, the local businesses, make sure you  
13          try to remember, use them. And let's just  
14          keep trying to get the word out. We are  
15          coming back. We want to rebound. And  
16          remember, don't curse the wind. We are  
17          adjusting our sails, and we are going to be  
18          bigger and stronger than ever, and the -- and  
19          the taxpayers will benefit.

20          MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Dom.  
21          Member Revoldt.

22          MR. REVOLDT: No report.

23          MR. PETERS: All right. Member Stroia.

24          MR. STROIA: Yeah. Hey, I wanted to say  
25          thank you to the Mayor for the live streams.



1 Thank you to the Rotary Club. Thanks to  
2 Chuck and Linda and Rick for speaking. And  
3 support and buy local. That's all I have.

4 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

5 Member Cerreta.

6 MR. CERRETA: Hey, just a quick thanks  
7 to, first of all, Rob for the road repairs  
8 and reports and that. That's very positive  
9 going forward.

10 Also, I received a lot of good comments  
11 on -- from a lot of people on the direction  
12 that our City has taken on -- on, you know,  
13 acquiring the land and to make improvements  
14 to our community, rather than the old  
15 wait-and-see approach of what's going to  
16 happen. And I have had a lot of people say  
17 that we are happy that we are taking a  
18 proactive approach, rather than just sitting  
19 there. And, of course, the proof is in the  
20 pudding, which way we go with this thing and  
21 how we can follow through. And -- and I'm  
22 very optimistic about that.

23 I also want to thank Member Revoldt for a  
24 lot of work he has put in on this CRA  
25 ordinance. He has put a lot of time and

1 effort into it with his knowledge. So I want  
2 to thank him on that.

3 Outside of that, everybody stay healthy.

4 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Mark.  
5 And I will finish up by echoing your comments  
6 regarding the purchase of -- of property.  
7 And I have had the same feedback. People are  
8 very happy we are taking a proactive  
9 approach. And I agree, it's a wait-and-see  
10 approach, but I -- I think we are -- we are  
11 going to see some good things come out of  
12 both of those pieces of property.

13 And, Mayor, we really appreciate your  
14 weekly updates on Wednesday. My  
15 recommendation is, after all this COVID stuff  
16 is behind us, to continue on. That is --  
17 that is good stuff. I mean, it really is  
18 reaching out into the community and  
19 communicating our positions on -- on  
20 everything and anything. So thanks again for  
21 that.

22 MR. WILDER: Thank you, President Peters.

23 MR. PETERS: Yes. No -- no -- thank you.  
24 And, lastly, in regards to Rick Mussey's  
25 comments, do we still employ the use of

1           that -- the Stealth Stat, Patrick?

2           MR. DEORIO: Yeah. You know, look, this  
3           is -- this is a complicated issue. And, you  
4           know, their -- their situation there is no  
5           different than many other people, you know,  
6           thousands of people that live throughout the  
7           City in which roads end up connecting to  
8           other roads, and people use that as a means  
9           to go from north to south, east to west.

10          And in this particular instance,  
11          traveling from Schneider to East Maple,  
12          and -- and the route that they suggest, you  
13          know, is about 3,200 square -- 3,200 linear  
14          feet, of which only about 800 linear feet is  
15          in the City limits. The rest of it is in  
16          Plain Township, south and north of their  
17          location.

18          And, you know, so I will take that -- a  
19          comprehensive approach to addressing the  
20          issue, similar to what I had done up on  
21          Radford, Northeast a year ago, and we'll --  
22          we'll get some data that will help us chart a  
23          course of action.

24          But, you know, simply posting a sign is  
25          very ineffective. There is no -- there is

1 nothing illegal with using the public  
2 streets. There is no citation that can be  
3 given to people who, you know, travel from  
4 one, you know, side of town to the other.

5 So it's -- it may be more nuanced in how  
6 we approach it. But the first step in  
7 addressing anything is to speak intelligently  
8 about it, and that requires gathering data.  
9 So I will keep you all informed of that  
10 process and will be working with individuals,  
11 you know, beginning this week to start  
12 pushing a plan forward to gathering the data  
13 that will help us with an analysis.

14 MR. PETERS: All right. Thanks, Pat.  
15 And, actually, that's why I mentioned the  
16 Stealth Stat, because that -- I mean, that  
17 really is a great tool for Chief Kemp to  
18 deploy his -- his folks properly and more  
19 efficiently, you know, by gathering that  
20 data. So good stuff.

21 Okay. Okay. Final call for new business  
22 to Council.

23 MR. WILDER: Just one point of order.  
24 Could I, Jeff?

25 MR. PETERS: Yes, sir. Absolutely.

1           MR. WILDER: You know, Director of Law,  
2           Tim Fox, did note about this; this is the  
3           beginning of police week. On the 15th, on  
4           Friday, that is always designated nationally  
5           as Police Officers Memorial Day. And, again,  
6           speaking from my background, what we  
7           experience in -- in this pandemic, not only  
8           for our fire department personnel and  
9           paramedics, but also, again, for the police  
10          officers, we are all on the frontline. And  
11          I'm pretty sure, nationally, almost 90-plus  
12          law enforcement officers have died as a  
13          result of contracting COVID-19. I better  
14          double-check my -- my numbers, but the last  
15          one I saw was about 90.

16                 And I just want to thank our public for  
17          following the guidelines and standards of the  
18          CDC and the Governor, the Ohio Department of  
19          Health, to keep themselves safe, and by  
20          keeping our first line responders safe,  
21          especially, again, our police officers who  
22          oftentimes are there before our fire  
23          personnel can arrive and give aid.

24                 So to all the law -- families who have  
25          relatives in law enforcement, my heart and

1 support goes out to them. And when that  
2 special day comes around on the 15th, maybe  
3 just take a moment and reflect on the good  
4 that our law enforcement does, the Ohio law  
5 enforcement officers do day in and day out.

6 Thank you, President Peters, for allowing  
7 me to make that comment.

8 MR. PETERS: Yes. Thank you, Mayor.  
9 Very well said. And I -- and I concur.

10 Okay. Looking at our meeting calendar  
11 for the remainder of May and into June, next  
12 Monday, we'll have our virtual Committee of  
13 the Whole and a Special Council meeting. May  
14 25th will be no Council meeting, due to  
15 Memorial Day. And then June 1st will be the  
16 public meeting on Ordinance 23-20, and a  
17 virtual Committee of the Whole meeting.

18 And that rounds out our agenda for the  
19 evening. So at this time, I'll entertain a  
20 motion to adjourn.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

22 MR. STROIA: Second, Stroia.

23 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

24 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

25 MR. PETERS: Aye.

1 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

3 MS. WERREN: Aye.

4 MR. FONTE: Aye.

5 MR. STROIA: Aye.

6 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. PETERS: Motion carries. We are  
9 adjourned. Have a great evening, everybody.

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11 (This proceeding concluded at 8:04 p.m.)  
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25 Daniel Jeff Peters  
Council President

*Benjamin R. Young*  
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Council Clerk

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